

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A sliding bearing including a bearing alloy layer and an overlay layer spread on the surface of the bearing alloy layer and formed by a solid lubricant and a resin;

characterized in that a regular uneven configuration is formed on the surface of the overlay layer and that the bearing alloy layer is formed to be a flat surface having a fine roughness at its boundary with the overlay layer.

2. (Original) A sliding bearing according to Claim 1 characterized in that the bearing alloy layer is exposed in a recess of the uneven configuration.

3. (Currently Amended) A sliding bearing according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~ characterized in that the regular uneven configuration comprises grooves and adjacent projections which are formed at a given pitch or an array of openings of a given configuration aliened with each other at a given spacing and is formed over the entire region of the overlay layer or part thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) A sliding bearing according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 characterized in that the overlay layer comprises PAI resin or PI resin added with a combination of one or more of MoS₂, graphite, BN (boron nitride), WS₂ (tungsten disulfide), PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene), fluorinated resin, and Pb and the bearing alloy layer comprises a copper bearing alloy or aluminum bearing alloy.